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SUBJECT: WESTERN EUROPEAN AND OTHERS GROUP MEETING, MAY 19

1. DURING MEETING OF WESTERN EUROPEAN AND OTHERS (WEO)
GROUP MAY 19, GROUP HEARD PRESENTATION BY JAPANESE REP OF
CANDIDACY FOR VICE PRESIDENCY OF UNDP GOVERNING COUNCIL,
AFTER WHICH GROUP ENDORSED JAPAN FOR THIS POST.

2. GROUP ALSO FORMALLY ENDORSED CANADA AND SPAIN FOR
VICE PRESIDENT OF THE 33RD REGULAR GENERAL ASSEMBLY. THEY
WERE THE ONLY WEO CANDIDATES.

3. AT REQUEST OF MALTA THERE WAS DISCUSSION OF ELECTIONS
TO SECURITY COUNCIL DURING WHICH BOTH MALTA AND PORTUGAL
URGED APPLICATION OF THE PRINCIPLE OF ROTATION IN ORDER
THAT STATES WHICH HAVE NEVER SERVED ON SC HAVE OPPORTUNITY.
SEVERAL MEMBERS OF GROUP EMPHASIZED IMPORTANCE OF REACHING
EARLY AGREEMENT ON AN ENDORSED SLATE. SIX CANDIDATES FOR
TWO SEATS TO BE VACATED BY CANADA AND FRG ARE NOW GREECE,
ITALY, MALTA, NORWAY, PORTUGAL AND TURKEY, THE NETHER-
LANDS HAVING RECENTLY WITHDRAWN IN FAVOR OF NORWAY. IN
LIGHT OF GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION, IT WOULD APPEAR THAT
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NORWAY IS VIRTUALLY CERTAIN OF ENDORSEMENT AND THAT
CONTEST WILL BE AMONG OTHER FIVE, WITH PORTUGAL PERHAPS
HAVING BEST CHANCE IN LIGHT OF NEVER HAVING SERVED ON
COUNCIL. (MALTA IS IN SAME POSITION BUT WILL ALMOST
CERTAINLY NOT WIN WEO ENDORSEMENT.)

4. AUSTRALIA, TURKEY AND THE UK ANNOUNCED THEIR CANDIDACIES

FOR THE GOVERNING COUNCIL OF THE UNEP. YOUNG

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